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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

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Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language
_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
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☐ in computer readable form
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4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-6	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP, 2003-517335, A (Contruc Technologies LLC), 27 May, 2003 (27.05.03), full text and all drawings & WO, 2000/006078, A2

Document 2: JP, 2003-507819, A (Innovation Associates Incorporated), 25 February, 2003 (25.02.03), full text and all drawings & WO, 2001/015006, A1 & US, 6202923, B1

Document 3: JP, 2001-211382, A (Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.), 3 August, 2001 (03.08.01), full text and all drawings & EP, 1102210, A2

Document 4: JP, 2001-255260, A (TOYOBO CO., LTD.), 21 September, 2001 (21.09.01), full text and all drawings (Family: none)

Document 5: JP, 07-262379, A (NTT DATA CORPORATION), 13 October, 1995 (13.10.95), full text and all drawings (Family: none)

Claim 1

Document 1 or 2 discloses a tablet storing/retrieving device which stores a plurality of kinds of many medicines, and fills as many tablets of such descriptions as designated by prescription data into a vial and retrieves it, wherein an imaging means is provided for photographing the interior of the vial before a cap is set to the vial after tablets are filled into the vial.

Claims 2 and 5

Document 3 or 4 discloses an imaging means providing a focus control sensor for irradiating the surface of a photographic subject, and a focus controlling means for focus controlling an imaging device according to the detected value of the focus control sensor.

In the document 1 or 2, disclosed is a tablet storing/retrieving device made to transfer the image data of an imaging device to a control part.

Claim 3

Document 5 discloses a tablet storing/retrieving device providing an initializing means for initializing an imaging means according to a command from a control part.

Claim 4

Document 5 discloses a tablet storing/retrieving device providing a contrast regulating means of regulating the contrast of an imaging means according to a command from a control part.

Claim 6

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Document 1 or 4 discloses that an imaging means is movable.